

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 SAN JO 01671 252248Z

11

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15 EB-07

AID-05 /077 W

----- 051872

R 252210Z APR 75

FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0011

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

AMEMBASSY PANAMA

UNCLAS SAN JOSE 1671

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR CS

SUBJECT: TORRIJOS STOPS IN SAN JOSE

1. GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS MADE A "SECRET" OVERNIGHT STOP IN SAN JOSE ON APRIL 23 ENROUTE REPORTEDLY TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA AND SALVADOR. PRESS REPORTS HERE DESCRIBE THE CENTRAL PURPOSE OF TORRIJOS MEETINGS IN ALL THREE COUNTRIES TO HAVE BEEN TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE POLICIES OF THE BANANA EXPORTING COUNTRIES UNION (UPEB). THE PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS WERE ALSO SAID TO HAVE BEEN A MAJOR THEME.

2. ONE PRESS REPORT NOTED THAT TORRIJOS WAS SEEKING AGREEMENT OF THE THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO APPLY A UNIFORM TAX OF ONE DOLLAR PER BOX OF BANANAS. GOCR FONMIN FACIO, WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENING MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT ODUBER AND TORRIJOS, REPORTEDLY TOLD NEWSMEN THAT COSTA RICA "WILL MATCH THE BANANA TAX THAT PANAMA HAS ESTABLISHED".

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 SAN JO 01671 252248Z

TORRIJOS ALSO WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT PRESIDENT

LANGERUD HAD PROMISED TO SHORTLY JOIN THE UPEB.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE CANANL NEGOTIATIONS TORRIJOS REPORTEDLY HAD SOME TOUGH WORDS FOR THE U.S. A PRESS REPORT HERE ATTRIBUTED TO TORRIJOS THE STATEMENT; "THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO DECEIVE PANAMANIAN PUBLIC OPINION AND IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS LATIN AMERICAN (PUBLIC OPINION), ABOUT THE PANAMA CANAL ISSUE".

4. TORRIJOS REPORTEDLY COMMENTED UPON THE UNITED FRUIT/ HONDURAS EPISODE NOTING LOPEZ ARELLANO WAS NOT BRIBED BY THE BANANA COMPANY BUT THAT"....UNITED IS CAPABLE OF ANYTHING".

5. PRESS REPORTS ALSO NOTED THAT TORRIJOS INDICATED THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE WITHIN A FEW WEEKS, POSSIBLY AT ODUBER'S FARM IN GUANACASTE.

TODMAN

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLICIES, AGREEMENTS, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT VISITS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, BANANAS, TAXES, EXPORTERS, CANALS, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 APR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975SANJO01671
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750146-1051
From: SAN JOSE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750416/aaaaaoya.tel
Line Count: 81
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 JUL 2003 by SilvaL0>; APPROVED <10 FEB 2004 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TORRIJOS STOPS IN SAN JOSE
TAGS: PFOR, PORO, OVIP, CS, PN, UPEB, (TORRIJOS HERRERA, OMAR)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006